

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Rural Development Department – Commissionerate of Rural Development- Constitution of a society by name Society for Rural Development Services – Orders – Issued.

PANCHAYAT RAJ & RURAL DEVELOPMENT (RD.III) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Ms.No.338

Dated: 06.09.2008
Read the Following:

1. D.O.letter No.Z-11011/7/2008-PPC,Dated:09-04-2008 of the Secretary to GOI, DOLR,MORD, New Delhi, addressed to the Chief Secretary to the Government of AP, Hyderabad.
2. G.O.Ms. No.238, PR&RD(RD-III) Department, Dated:04.07.2008.

ORDER:

The commissioner, Rural development department has informed that the Department of Land Resource, Ministry of Rural Development, Government of India have issued the new watershed guidelines combining the DPAP/DDP and IWDP programmes. These new guidelines came in to effect from 01.04.2008.

2. The Commissioner, Rural Development has also informed, that as per paras 22-28 of the guidelines, a State Level Nodal Agency (SLNA) has to be set up. This may be a Department, society, mission, authority, etc Government have mandated the Commissioner, Rural Development to implement area development and wage employment programmes. Therefore, Commissioner, Rural Development is designated as the State Level Nodal Agency.

3. As per the new watershed guidelines, the State Level Nodal Agency (SLNA) will be receiving substantial amount of fund towards staff support for state level technical support unit, establishing a state level data center, etc. In order to receive and operate these funds, the CRD/SLNA needs an independent bank account with flexibility in its operation.

4. The CRD further informed that consequent to the implementation of NREGS-AP in all 22 rural districts in the state, massive manpower has been recruited on contract basis. Recently, a comprehensive HR Policy is also issued to protect the interests of these contract employees. As on now, about 7,500 contract employees are working for implementation of watersheds, NREGS-AP and Indira Prabha schemes. The Commissioner, Rural Development highlighted that the HR issues of these staff have to be supported in a very intensive manner and as such the support unit should be located within the office of the Commissioner, Rural Development.

5. Further, the Commissioner, Rural Development brought to the notice of the Government the fact that most of the programmes being implemented by the rural development department call for innovation. The department has set itself criteria that experience should first be gained through hands on working and these experiences should be transferred to all the staff in a seamless manner. For this to happen, she emphasizes that a strong capacity building unit is necessary. This unit should be intensively involved in the field and be very close to the senior management of the Commissioner, Rural Development so that the experiences are translated in to capacity building initiatives. Present arrangement of capacity building functions being delivered by an institution not involved in the policy formulation and field work is not working well. Therefore, the Commissioner, Rural Development requested that this function also needs to be within the office of the Commissioner, Rural Development.

6. Government, after careful consideration of the proposals of the Commissioner, Rural Development, hereby permits her to set up a Society by name “**Society for Rural Development Services**”(SRDS) within the Commissioner, Rural Development to fulfill the conditions laid down in the new watershed guidelines issued by the Ministry of Rural Development, Government of India and to provide services related to HR Management, Capacity Building, Management of CLRC/DLRCs, etc., in an effective manner. The Society shall be constituted as per the memorandum and by-laws annexed to these orders as Document-I and Document-II. The Society shall be registered under the Andhra Pradesh (Telangana Areas) Public Societies Act, 1350 Fasli..

7. The Society shall be charged with the responsibility of fund management for Rural Development programmes, provide HR support to the Commissioner, Rural Development and all the District Water Management Agencies, and provide need based Capacity Building support through a Consortium of Resource Organizations.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

K.RAJU,
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
The Commissioner, Rural Development for necessary action
The Commissioner AMR-APARD for information
The CEO SERP for information
The Director, SRTRI for information.

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